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Missouri Area Labor Trends

A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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The Missouri labor market began to take on characteristics of the fall in October, as employment edged down and unemployment increased from September levels. Both are typical movements for this time of the year.

Total employment fell by 3700 to 2,424,500, while unemployment increased by about 7300 to 160,300. The state's unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.2 percent.

Although the changes from the previous month are the expected seasonal ones, changes from a year ago are more unusual. The civilian labor force has grown by about 65,500 over the past year, as both employment and unemployment have increased. Total employment is up by 46,300, which is somewhat above the average annual growth over the past decade and a half. This by itself would suggest that the expansion was continuing, though not at the unusually rapid rates experienced earlier. Unemployment, in contrast, ended its three-year decline a few months ago. Since July of

this year, the number of jobless Missourians has been higher than it was in the corresponding months of 1985, and the difference has been increasing. The October 1986 level of unemployment is about 19,200 higher than in October 1985, representing a 0.6 percentage point increase in the unemployment rate.

The number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state remains well above year-earlier levels, paralleling the growth of total employment. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment totaled 2,171,900 in October, compared to 2,182,700 in September. Manufacturing employment is down by some 16,400 jobs over the year, more than half in the motor vehicles and equipment industry. Part of the drop in this industry stems from a long-term retooling layoff, while part was due to a short layoff in October to adjust inventories. The nonmanufacturing sector grew by 59,100 jobs during the year, including 22,300 jobs in services, 21,100 in retail trade, and 9200 in construction.

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - OCT 1986 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - SEP 1986 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - OCT 1985 (BENCHMARKED 1985)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2584863	2424576	160287	6.2	2581230	2428271	152959	5.9	2519402	2378283	141119	5.6
ST. LOUIS MSA	1257028	1162798	94230	7.5	1252442	1163066	89376	7.1	1226971	1143860	83111	6.8
KANSAS CITY MSA	807926	770830	37096	4.6	808409	771833	36576	4.5	821703	786993	34710	4.2
SPRINGFIELD MSA	121648	115983	5665	4.7	120945	115849	5096	4.2	116694	111453	5241	4.5
COLUMBIA MSA	63120	61259	1861	2.9	61799	59880	1919	3.1	61146	58931	2215	3.6
JOPLIN MSA	70472	66807	3665	5.2	69736	65939	3797	5.4	67357	63803	3554	5.3
ST. JOSEPH MSA	43496	40462	3034	7.0	42586	39501	3085	7.2	42004	39400	2604	6.2
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	14110	13556	554	3.9	13579	13024	555	4.1	14217	13603	614	4.3
ANDREW	7982	7593	389	4.9	8089	7714	375	4.6	7829	7530	299	3.8
ATCHISON	3397	3287	110	3.2	3510	3368	142	4.0	3512	3375	137	3.9
AUDRAIN	11046	10205	841	7.6	11031	10211	820	7.4	11397	10693	704	6.2
BARRY	12885	12169	716	5.6	12805	12053	752	5.9	12105	11510	595	4.9
BARTON	5661	5460	201	3.6	5786	5576	210	3.6	5653	5463	190	3.4
BATES	6665	6322	343	5.1	6887	6507	380	5.5	6897	6537	360	5.2
BENTON	5928	5506	422	7.1	6195	5812	383	6.2	5717	5373	344	6.0
BOLLINGER	3653	3321	332	9.1	3891	3513	378	9.7	3696	3272	424	11.5
BUTLER	16554	15092	1462	8.8	16703	15251	1452	8.7	16349	15008	1341	8.2
CALDWELL	3615	3429	186	5.1	3534	3391	143	4.0	3314	3158	156	4.7
CALLAWAY	15372	14469	903	5.9	15400	14537	863	5.6	15198	14326	872	5.7
CAMDEN	15649	14692	957	6.1	16237	15370	867	5.3	14477	13748	729	5.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU	34286	32997	1289	3.8	34164	32902	1262	3.7	33208	31823	1385	4.2
CARROLL	5717	5393	324	5.7	5998	5680	318	5.3	5627	5320	307	5.5
CARTER	1957	1699	258	13.2	2088	1848	240	11.5	2351	1979	372	15.8
CEDAR	5177	4915	262	5.1	5205	4955	250	4.8	5088	4778	310	6.1
CHARITON	5303	4997	306	5.8	5366	5064	302	5.6	5400	5054	346	6.4
CLARK	4087	3871	216	5.3	4188	3956	232	5.5	3932	3645	287	7.3
CLINTON	6601	6218	383	5.8	6534	6144	390	6.0	6421	6119	302	4.7
COLE/OSAGE LMA	41111	39278	1833	4.5	40859	39137	1722	4.2	39366	37466	1900	4.8
COOPER	7199	6872	327	4.5	7426	7018	408	5.5	7082	6735	347	4.9
CRAWFORD	7316	6637	679	9.3	7300	6567	733	10.0	6800	6261	539	7.9
DADE	3061	2933	128	4.2	3074	2976	98	3.2	3158	2966	192	6.1
DALLAS	4455	4123	332	7.5	4380	4050	330	7.5	4327	3933	394	9.1
DAVISS	4410	4261	149	3.4	4290	4137	153	3.6	4055	3876	179	4.4
DEKALB	4314	4100	214	5.0	4330	4185	195	4.5	4227	4048	179	4.2
DENT	6081	5378	703	11.6	6258	5478	780	12.5	5769	5261	508	8.8
DOUGLAS	5224	4688	536	10.3	5193	4635	558	10.7	5539	5002	537	9.7
DUNKLIN	14314	13254	1060	7.4	14415	13317	1098	7.6	14294	13076	1218	8.5
GASCONADE	7594	7100	494	6.5	7670	7155	515	6.7	7135	6880	255	3.6
GENTRY	3448	3330	118	3.4	3442	3349	93	2.7	3445	3345	100	2.9
GRUNDY	5532	5261	271	4.9	5455	5205	250	4.6	5375	5056	319	5.9
HARRISON	5224	5036	188	3.6	5198	5020	178	3.4	5210	4994	216	4.1
HENRY	9004	8454	550	6.1	9221	8673	548	5.9	8954	8370	584	6.5
HICKORY	3306	3123	183	5.5	3249	3079	170	5.2	2957	2790	167	5.6
HOLT	3011	2890	121	4.0	3110	2998	112	3.6	2927	2841	86	2.9
HOWARD	4820	4606	214	4.4	4868	4618	250	5.1	4793	4567	226	4.7
HOWELL	13677	12483	1194	8.7	13371	12281	1090	8.2	12976	11965	1011	7.8
IRON	3060	2586	474	15.5	3139	2661	478	15.2	3533	3052	481	13.6
JOHNSON	18269	17656	613	3.4	17877	17254	623	3.5	17981	17275	706	3.9
KNOX	2398	2270	128	5.3	2376	2276	100	4.2	2378	2238	140	5.9
LACLEDE	12282	11232	1050	8.5	12210	11382	828	6.8	12318	11222	1096	8.9
LAWRENCE	14701	13862	839	5.7	14627	13760	867	5.9	14480	13684	796	5.5

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LEWIS	5365	4933	432	8.1	5624	5011	613	10.9	5456	5003	453	8.3
LINCOLN	12885	11632	1253	9.7	12410	11752	658	5.3	11658	10948	710	6.1
LINN	7026	6401	625	8.9	7055	6520	535	7.6	6893	6231	662	9.6
LIVINGSTON	7245	6908	337	4.7	7297	7007	290	4.0	7146	6803	343	4.8
MACON	8330	7884	446	5.4	8323	7893	430	5.2	7897	7403	494	6.3
MADISON	4350	4005	345	7.9	4469	4084	385	8.6	4075	3704	371	9.1
MARIES	4152	3840	312	7.5	4116	3783	333	8.1	3835	3594	241	6.3
MARION/RALLS LMA	19375	18109	1266	6.5	19763	18520	1243	6.3	18817	17601	1216	6.5
MCDONALD	8423	8014	409	4.9	8617	8172	445	5.2	7966	7452	514	6.5
MERCER	1839	1762	77	4.2	1864	1794	70	3.8	1821	1731	90	4.9
MILLER	10969	9999	970	8.8	11327	10442	885	7.8	9977	9147	830	8.3
MISSISSIPPI	6433	5918	515	8.0	6670	6113	557	8.4	6700	5999	701	10.5
MONITEAU	6369	6012	357	5.6	6662	6337	325	4.9	6202	5643	559	9.0
MONROE	5805	5568	237	4.1	6016	5786	230	3.8	5099	4928	171	3.4
MONTGOMERY	5178	4725	453	8.7	5213	4868	345	6.6	5129	4774	355	6.9
MORGAN	7232	6754	478	6.6	7288	6761	527	7.2	7114	6435	679	9.5
NEW MADRID	9508	8805	703	7.4	9581	8839	742	7.7	9403	8565	838	8.9
NODAWAY	11530	11159	371	3.2	11143	10876	267	2.4	11265	10821	444	3.9
OREGON	4193	3894	299	7.1	4139	3784	355	8.6	3929	3597	332	8.4
OZARK	3657	3412	245	6.7	3793	3560	233	6.1	3641	3420	221	6.1
PEMISCOT	9325	8548	777	8.3	9362	8524	838	9.0	9063	8382	681	7.5
PERRY	8426	7914	512	6.1	8483	7948	535	6.3	7904	7507	397	5.0
PETTIS	19441	18278	1163	6.0	20159	18977	1182	5.9	19226	18077	1149	6.0
PHELPS	17467	16656	811	4.6	17246	16419	827	4.8	16513	15667	846	5.1
PIKE	8987	8488	499	5.6	9194	8649	545	5.9	8543	8032	511	6.0
POLK	9369	8906	463	4.9	9311	8719	592	6.4	9281	8685	596	6.4
PULASKI	12716	11978	738	5.8	12817	12112	705	5.5	11733	11037	696	5.9
PUTNAM	2425	2371	54	2.2	2437	2365	72	3.0	2416	2313	103	4.3
RANDOLPH	12717	11925	792	6.2	12645	11920	725	5.7	12553	11801	752	6.0
REYNOLDS	1929	1576	353	18.3	2010	1612	398	19.8	1927	1633	294	15.3
RIPLEY	4808	4422	386	8.0	4730	4390	340	7.2	4515	4105	410	9.1
SALINE	12550	12032	518	4.1	12748	12196	552	4.3	12284	11772	512	4.2
SCOTLAND	2736	2648	88	3.2	2688	2608	80	3.0	2743	2626	117	4.3
SCOTT	18640	17454	1186	6.4	18642	17354	1288	6.9	18161	16834	1327	7.3
SHANNON	2915	2527	388	13.3	3090	2747	343	11.1	3137	2710	427	13.6
SHELBY	3989	3907	82	2.1	4060	3975	85	2.1	3959	3830	129	3.3
ST. CLAIR	3607	3385	222	6.2	3618	3450	168	4.6	3445	3272	173	5.0
ST. FRANCOIS	19682	17929	1753	8.9	19669	17937	1732	8.8	18433	16697	1736	9.4
STE. GENEVIEVE	7612	7115	497	6.5	7967	7425	542	6.8	7269	6778	491	6.8
STODDARD	14033	12867	1166	8.3	14347	13104	1243	8.7	13085	12110	975	7.5
STONE	10708	10119	589	5.5	10854	10201	653	6.0	10597	9990	607	5.7
SULLIVAN	3629	3447	182	5.0	3524	3384	140	4.0	3760	3600	160	4.3
TANEY	16867	16053	814	4.8	18412	17690	722	3.9	16026	15320	706	4.4
TEXAS	10037	9164	873	8.7	9982	9109	873	8.7	9675	8681	994	10.3
VERNON	9468	9007	461	4.9	9578	9150	428	4.5	9491	9069	422	4.4
WARREN	10060	9250	810	8.1	9647	9192	455	4.7	8854	8472	382	4.3
WASHINGTON	6434	4902	1532	23.8	6492	4892	1600	24.6	6460	5666	794	12.3
WAYNE	4661	4123	538	11.5	4908	4366	542	11.0	4201	3745	456	10.9
WEBSTER	10394	9581	813	7.8	10500	9738	762	7.3	9606	8970	716	7.4
WORTH	1457	1411	46	3.2	1545	1508	37	2.4	1460	1418	42	2.9
WRIGHT	7172	6537	635	8.9	7186	6559	627	8.7	7352	6704	648	8.8

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**Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
October, 1986**

Industry Title	All Employees			Production Workers								
	(In Thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2171.6	2182.6	2134.3									
Total Manufacturing	414.9	423.6	431.3	400.16	411.01	390.26	41.0	41.6	40.6	9.76	9.88	9.66
Durable Goods	233.5	241.3	247.4	460.74	460.74	429.49	42.4	43.1	41.1	10.56	10.69	10.45
Lumber & Wood Products	10.2	10.4	9.8	265.68	264.46	247.90	40.5	40.5	39.6	6.56	6.53	6.26
Furniture & Fixtures	10.9	10.8	10.2	364.14	394.47	316.01	47.6	50.9	41.8	7.65	7.75	7.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.8	12.0	11.2	481.36	436.29	420.25	43.8	40.1	40.1	10.99	10.88	10.48
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	640.66	597.48	545.49	42.4	40.7	39.5	15.11	14.68	13.81
Structural Clay Prod.	1.9	2.0	2.0	460.18	424.93	475.20	38.0	35.5	39.6	12.11	11.97	12.00
Primary Metal Industries	10.9	10.9	12.4	470.09	455.25	427.92	41.2	41.5	40.6	11.41	10.97	10.54
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.4	1.4	1.8	367.72	370.80	377.30	40.1	40.0	41.1	9.17	9.27	9.18
Nonferrous Foundries	3.1	3.1	3.1	357.79	350.06	343.05	42.9	42.9	42.3	8.34	8.16	8.11
Fabricated Metal Products	27.7	27.9	29.3	418.49	420.31	392.70	42.4	42.2	41.6	9.87	9.96	9.44
Structural Metal Prod.	11.1	11.2	11.6	398.68	392.44	399.60	41.4	40.5	43.2	9.63	9.69	9.25
Machinery Exc. Electrical	29.7	30.1	31.2	411.26	420.21	415.71	40.8	41.4	41.2	10.08	10.15	10.09
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	49.1	49.9	49.8	390.73	408.84	372.43	41.0	42.9	39.8	9.53	9.53	9.36
Transportation Equipment	63.9	70.0	74.5	627.37	645.64	569.36	44.4	45.5	42.3	14.13	14.19	13.46
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.3	33.3	37.4	679.42	695.73	610.05	46.0	47.2	43.7	14.77	14.74	13.96
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.6	11.8	11.5	323.59	309.67	308.37	40.5	39.6	40.1	7.99	7.82	7.69
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.7	7.5	7.4	259.05	262.13	250.39	40.1	39.3	38.7	6.46	6.67	6.47
Non-durable Goods	181.4	182.3	183.9	339.94	345.79	337.73	39.3	39.7	39.5	8.65	8.71	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	46.5	46.8	45.3	401.02	409.58	412.42	41.6	42.4	42.3	9.64	9.66	9.75
Meat Products & Preserved												
Fruits & Vegetables	13.2	13.0	12.3	310.25	325.75	278.64	42.5	44.2	40.5	7.30	7.37	6.88
Dairy Products	6.3	6.4	6.4	423.32	430.54	439.04	41.3	41.8	44.8	10.25	10.30	9.80
Grain Mill Products	7.4	7.4	7.3	473.57	480.76	479.86	45.8	45.7	45.1	10.34	10.52	10.64
Bakery Products	5.5	5.6	5.4	391.29	392.95	389.32	38.1	38.1	38.7	10.27	10.34	10.06
Beverages	9.8	10.0	9.4	536.04	539.83	627.81	36.0	37.0	40.9	14.89	14.59	15.35

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Textile & Apparel	24.0	24.3	23.7	194.94	209.07	194.89	35.9	37.4	35.5	5.43	5.59	5.49
Paper & Allied Products	13.2	13.5	13.1	377.06	387.37	379.44	39.4	40.1	40.8	9.57	9.66	9.30
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.8	7.0	6.9	383.96	392.43	394.28	39.3	39.8	41.9	9.77	9.86	9.41
Printing & Publishing	40.1	40.3	40.0	412.83	418.05	379.66	41.7	42.1	39.1	9.90	9.93	9.71
Commercial Printing	13.7	13.8	13.0	456.12	460.99	445.61	42.0	42.1	40.4	10.86	10.95	11.03
Chemicals & Allied	28.4	28.5	29.2	436.00	437.40	438.61	39.6	39.8	40.5	11.01	10.99	10.83
Leather & Leather Products	16.3	16.0	18.2	190.06	179.76	194.94	34.0	32.1	36.1	5.59	5.60	5.40
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.8	12.6	14.7	174.82	168.93	189.19	32.8	31.4	33.9	5.33	5.38	5.27
Total Nonmanufacturing	1756.7	1759.0	1703.1									
Mining	5.8	5.9	6.5									
Construction	111.7	113.5	102.5									
Transportation & Public Util.	143.5	144.9	144.8									
Railroad Transportation	18.1	18.1	16.5									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	70.7	71.9	73.6									
Communications	54.7	54.9	54.7									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	540.1	542.4	521.4									
Wholesale Trade	128.9	128.3	131.3									
Retail Trade	411.2	414.1	390.1									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	126.3	126.4	121.9									
Services	491.6	496.8	469.5									
Government	337.7	329.1	336.5									
Federal Government	71.3	71.6	69.7									
State & Local Government	266.4	257.5	266.8									

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The factory workweek fell by six-tenths of an hour in October, but the new level of 41 hours still represents a strong utilization of labor by operating factories. Average hourly earnings slipped back by 12 cents from September to \$9.76. The shorter workweek and lower hourly earnings led to a drop in weekly earnings of \$10.85 to \$400.16. A year ago, the average weekly hours of manufacturing production workers was 40.4, while earnings averaged \$9.66 an hour and \$390.26 a week.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National unemployment was unchanged in October, with the seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate remaining at 7.0 percent. Total employment increased from September, but the gains were concentrated in part-time employment. Demographically, it was adult women and teenagers who experienced increased employment. The number of nonfarm payroll jobs grew by about 300,000 between September and October, on a seasonally adjusted basis. As usual, most of the gains were in the service-producing industries, although the goods-producing industries did experience small gains this month. The larger gains were in services, retail trade, and local government. Wholesale trade; finance, insurance, and retail estate; and state government experienced smaller increases.

Although third quarter economic growth is now estimated

to have been slightly above the preliminary rate, the economy seems to be moving along without much strength. Retail sales are particularly disappointing, following the end of automobile sales incentives. Some analysts believe a heavy consumer debt load will keep retail sales depressed for some time. The phasing out of the income tax deduction for consumer interest starting next year may make help make additional consumer debt less attractive.

Outlook

For the next several months, seasonal conditions will dominate employment and unemployment conditions. Employment should drop a little in the next two months, then fall off sharply in January. Unemployment will display the reverse pattern -- edging up in November and December, then climbing substantially in January. February is usually the worst month of the year, following which spring improvement begins.

At present, there is little evidence to suggest either much improvement or worsening beyond the seasonal in the next few months. The economy has been growing, but at a slow rate. Underlying unemployment in Missouri seems to be edging up slightly, but so far growth in the service-producing industries has kept employment moving up as well. Continuing weakness in the automobile industry could result in lower employment in both the state's automobile assembly industry and in suppliers.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — October, 1986

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,584,900	2,581,300	2,519,400	3,600	65,500
Total Employed	2,424,600	2,428,300	2,378,300	-3,700	46,300
Total Unemployed	160,300	153,000	141,100	7,300	19,200
Unemployment Rate (% of CL ²)	6.2	5.9	5.6	0.3	0.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,171,900	2,182,700	2,129,200	-10,800	42,600
Manufacturing	414,900	423,700	431,300	-8,800	-16,400
Durable Goods	233,500	241,400	247,400	-7,900	-13,900
Nondurable Goods	181,400	182,300	183,900	-900	-2,500
Nonmanufacturing	1,757,200	1,759,000	1,698,100	1,581,300	59,100
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	9,801	6,945	7,689	2,856	2,112
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.) ...	48,874	43,101	39,174	5,773	9,700
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.1	1.7	0.4	0.8
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,324	2,849	3,041	475	283
Amount of Benefits Paid	\$19,327,182	\$16,662,427	\$14,904,955	\$2,664,755	\$4,422,227
State U.I.	18,971,699	16,347,178	14,573,663	2,624,521	4,398,036
UCFE	195,862	162,744	175,341	33,118	20,521
UCX	159,621	152,505	155,951	7,116	3,670

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami

counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

October, 1986

Franciena King, Analyst

Seasonal cutbacks and a temporary layoff in the Transportation Equipment industry contributed to the Kansas City Area's unemployment rate edging up a tenth of a percentage point over-the-month. The unemployment rate stood at 4.6 per cent in October 1986. Overall the Area's unemployment has varied very little since June 1986. The number of jobless persons was 37,100 up by 500 over the September 1986 level and up by 2,400 over the October 1985 level. Losses in seasonally related industries contributed to both civilian employment and the number of payroll jobs falling below September employment levels. At least half of the 1,000 person drop in the civilian employment total were withdrawals from the labor force as temporary summer workers continued to drop out of the work force.

Wage and salaried employment in October 1986 was 708,800 jobs down by 3,100 from the September total of 711,900. Most of the significant employment changes over-the-month occurred in the Non manufacturing sector primarily in the seasonally related industries. The Services industries dropped by 1,700 jobs over-the-month as a result of losses in recreation and agricultural services. Retail Trade also recorded substantial losses over-the-month, with 1,500 jobs lost mainly in eating and drinking establishments. Other modest declines were posted in Transportation, Communications and Utilities and Wholesale Trade. The Finance, Insurance and Real Estate group was unchanged over the period. Although the Construction industry and Federal Government showed small increases over-the-month, the major job gain was recorded in State and Local Government, which added 2,200 jobs primarily as a result of increased employment in state and local schools.

Among the Manufacturing industries, the only major change occurred in Transportation Equipment. A temporary layoff in the automobile assembly resulted in a drop of 1,200 jobs in Transportation Equipment over-the-month. Losses in communication equipment also contributed to Electronic/Electrical Equipment falling below the September 1986 level by 300. In addition to these industries, most other Durable Goods Manufacturing industries were slightly below the previous month's totals. With the exception of Printing and Publishing and Petroleum, which fell below September levels, all other Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industries were unchanged over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment increased from 704,800 to 708,800 from October 1985 to October 1986 for a total of 4,000 jobs. The Nonmanufacturing sector, led by Retail Trade, added 7,800 jobs over the 12-month period. Durable Goods Manufacturing lost 4,300 jobs over-the-year, while

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing was up by 500 jobs for a overall loss in Manufacturing of 3,800 jobs. Spurred by increases in eating and drinking establishments, Retail Trade added 4,500 jobs over-the-year. Federal Government also topped last year's level by 1,700 mostly in public finance and postal services. Scattered increases in insurance, real estate and credit institutions contributed to a gain of 1,200 jobs in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. Within the major group only the banking industry showed losses. Both Services and Transportation, Communications and Utilities showed moderate gains over previous October levels. Despite the monthly gains in Construction, over-the-year total Construction jobs fell moderately by 300 jobs.

Within the Manufacturing sector most of the losses were concentrated in the Durable Goods industries. The temporary layoff in Transportation Equipment in October 1986 accounted for the bulk of losses compared to the October 1985 level. However, the overall loss of 2,500 jobs suggest the effect of longer term economic reductions. Similarly losses of 1,200 jobs in Electronic/Electrical Equipment result from both cutbacks in communication equipment as well as the continuing problems in the electronics industry. In addition to these major losses, Fabricated Metals, Machinery and Stone, Clay and Glass accounted for another 1,200 jobs lost over-the-year. The addition of 800 jobs in Chemicals, scattered among drugs, soaps and industrial chemicals, and smaller gains in Food and Kindred and Paper and Allied combined accounted for the overall increase in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 37,100 in October 1986 for 4.6 per cent of the labor force compared to 36,600 in September 1986 for 4.5 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's unemployment situation will show little improvement in November 1986. Although reported temporary layoffs in the Transportation Equipment industry due to the unavailability of parts will be resolved by the survey week, layoffs in other sectors will affect the Area's unemployment. The Construction and Services industries are expected to show losses over-the-month. Early reports suggest that Area retailers expect major improvement over last year's holiday shopping season. Employment in Retail Trade will record significant employment increases during the month. Unemployment is expected to be 4.7 per cent of the labor force in November 1986, compared to 4.6 per cent in October 1986 and 4.7 per cent in November 1985.

The unemployment rate is expected to show little change

in December 1986. As holiday shopping swings into full gear, Retail Trade employment will reach its highest level of the year. Employment in Federal Government will also begin to show increases as the tax processing period begins. Losses in

the services and Construction will continue in the Area. Unemployment is expected to be 4.8 per cent of the labor force in December 1986 compared to 4.8 per cent in December 1985.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1985)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas

Month and Year of Current: October, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	708,800	711,900	704,800	-3,100	+4,000
Total Manufacturing	116,100	118,000	119,900	-1,900	-3,800
Durable Goods	64,700	66,400	69,000	-1,700	-4,300
Lumber & Furniture	3,700	3,600	3,300	+100	+400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,800	4,000	-100	-300
Primary Metal Industries	3,500	3,600	3,400	-100	+100
Fabricated Metal Products	9,300	9,400	9,800	-100	-500
Machinery Except Electrical	7,800	7,700	8,200	+100	-400
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	19,900	20,200	21,100	-300	-1,200
Transportation Equipment	13,100	14,300	15,500	-1,200	-2,400
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(12,700)	(14,000)	(15,200)	(-1,300)	(-2,500)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,800	3,700	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	51,400	51,600	50,900	-200	+500
Food & Kindred Products	9,700	9,700	9,400	0	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,800	5,800	5,500	0	+300
Printing & Publishing	19,700	19,900	19,700	-200	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,100	9,100	8,300	0	+800
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	600	600	-100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	4,300	4,200	5,100	-100	-800
Total Nonmanufacturing	592,700	593,900	584,900	-1,200	+7,800
Mining & Quarrying	400	400	500	0	-100
Construction	32,000	31,800	32,300	+200	-300
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	53,400	53,700	52,900	-300	+500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	190,000	191,700	185,700	-1,700	+4,300
Wholesale Trade	(55,700)	(55,900)	(55,900)	(-200)	(-200)
Retail Trade	(134,300)	(135,800)	(129,800)	(-1,500)	(+4,500)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	53,200	53,200	52,000	0	+1,200
Services	156,900	158,600	156,500	-1,700	+400
Government	106,800	104,500	105,000	+2,300	+1,800
Federal Government	(29,900)	(29,800)	(28,200)	(+100)	(+1,700)
State & Local Government	(76,900)	(74,700)	(76,700)	(+2,200)	(+200)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	300	500	-200	-400

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**Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and
Earnings in Manufacturing**

Area and State: **Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas**

Month and Year of Current Data: **October, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	\$461.44	\$468.13	\$438.29	41.2	41.1	40.1	\$11.20	\$11.39	\$10.93
Durable Goods	492.38	499.39	462.15	41.1	40.9	39.5	11.98	12.21	11.70
Lumber & Furniture	311.45	312.17	291.46	40.5	40.7	36.8	7.69	7.67	7.92
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	533.18	508.07	454.34	41.3	39.6	39.1	12.91	12.83	11.62
Primary Metal Industries	318.05	470.37	423.00	35.3	39.1	37.5	9.01	12.03	11.28
Fabricated Metal Products	400.31	387.27	395.24	41.1	39.0	41.0	9.74	9.93	9.64
Machinery Exc. Electrical.....	405.62	396.93	416.40	40.4	39.3	40.0	10.04	10.10	10.41
Electrical Equip. & Supplies.....	474.01	466.48	459.39	39.9	39.7	39.5	11.88	10.75	11.63
Transportation Equipment.....	705.96	717.75	596.97	44.4	45.0	40.5	15.90	16.95	14.74
Motor Vehicles & Equipment.....	(727.01)	(744.84)	(601.69)	(44.5)	(45.1)	(40.6)	(16.10)	(16.12)	(14.82)
Other Durable Goods	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nondurable Goods	416.25	418.32	397.85	41.5	41.5	41.1	10.03	10.08	9.68
Food & Kindred Products	402.52	420.54	412.72	41.2	43.0	42.2	9.77	9.78	9.78
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.....	205.57	206.61	192.08	35.2	35.5	34.3	5.84	5.82	5.60
*Paper & Allied Products	419.31	428.56	395.93	42.7	42.6	42.3	9.82	10.06	9.36
Printing & Publishing	454.12	456.96	429.85	42.6	42.0	39.4	10.66	10.88	10.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	511.34	500.11	516.73	42.4	41.4	44.7	12.06	12.08	11.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	445.66	453.42	341.50	39.3	39.6	36.8	11.34	11.45	9.28
Other Nondurable Goods	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey

Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

October, 1986

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 7.1% in September to 7.5% in October. Temporary lay-offs in the local automobile assembly industry continue to have a significant impact on the area's labor force. This month, 7,400 auto workers were on lay-off for inventory reduction and model change-over. Other local industries, both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing, continued to provide no significant job growth. Most industries reported only seasonal or little change. Unemployment stood at 94,200 and employment at 1,162,800, is now 16,200 lower than the 1986 peak reached in July. Over the year, unemployment rose 11,100 and employment gained 18,900. The unemployment rate in October, 1985 was 6.8%. The area's 1986 unemployment rates have been above corresponding 1985 levels for the past 3 months. This trend is expected to continue throughout the remainder of this year. There were 600 labor disputants in October, 1100 in September, and 300 in October 1985.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined 6100 over the month. The auto industry was responsible for 5200 of the drop. A strike in instruments caused the other significant

monthly decline in manufacturing. Over the year, manufacturing declined 10,600. Motor vehicles, down 7600, again was responsible for a majority of the job loss. Chemicals, down 1200, was affected by early retirements and lay-offs earlier this year. Smaller losses occurred in primary and fabricated metals, textiles, and leather. Gains were reported in aircraft, electrical equipment and food.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing rose 1100 over the month. Local government, up 3700, was affected by seasonal gains in schools and the settlement of a labor dispute. Smaller increases were reported in retail trade, finance, and services. Seasonal declines occurred in construction and transportation. Over the year, nonmanufacturing added 9,900 workers. Gains continued to be concentrated in trade, finance, and services. Construction reported a small increase of 300 over 1985 levels. Transportation and local government reported the only significant declines.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in November 1986 is expected to be 7.3%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Mining	27	27	27	30
Construction	1349	1134	1073	1459
Manufacturing	5024	10334	5957	6966
Public Utilities	1173	1168	800	827
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1983	2006	1971	2164
Finance	282	287	299	273
Services	5498	5326	4895	5690
All Other	227	274	237	337
TOTAL	15563	20556	15259	17746

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1617	1793	1597	1736
Clerical	2144	2281	2203	2428
Sales	530	545	551	559
Farm, Fish & Forest	54	60	71	83
Processing	260	257	226	258
Machine Trades	894	943	891	1018
Bench Work	694	707	628	666
Structural Work	1185	2483	1556	2270
Misc. Work	1764	1782	1480	1695

Service	2074	2099	1859	2181
INA	4347	7606	4197	4852
TOTAL	15563	20556	15259	17746

Available Job Opportunities

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1987 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.7	1.5
Clerical	15.4	12.1
Sales	18.3	21.4
Processing	1.1	1.2
Machine Trades	4.9	5.1
Bench Work	3.6	4.2
Structural Work	4.9	4.3
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.0	2.6
Packaging & Material Handling	12.6	17.9
Domestic	1.1	0.5
Other Services	28.2	26.8
Other Occupations	2.2	2.4

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area

Month and Year of Current: October, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,079,000	1,084,000	1,079,700	-5,000	-700
Percent Change				-(0.5)	-(0.1)
Manufacturing	215,600	221,700	226,200	-6,100	-10,600
Durable Goods	134,400	140,400	142,700	-6,000	-8,300
Lumber & Furniture	4,900	5,000	4,900	-100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	0
Primary Metal Industries	13,600	13,700	14,000	-100	-400
Fabricated Metal Products	16,500	16,500	17,100	0	-600
Machinery, Except Electrical	17,800	17,400	17,900	-100	-600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,700	15,700	15,500	0	+200
Transportation Equipment	50,000	55,200	56,700	-5,200	-6,700
Motor Vehicles	14,200	19,400	21,800	-5,200	-7,600
Aircraft & Parts	29,800	29,800	28,700	0	+1,100
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,800	13,200	13,100	-400	-300
Nondurable Goods	81,200	81,300	83,600	-100	-2,400
Food & Kindred Products	21,300	21,300	21,100	0	+200
Meat Products	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Beverages	8,700	8,700	8,200	0	+500
Textiles & Apparel	5,700	5,700	6,300	0	-600
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,300	16,400	16,400	-100	-100
Chemical & Allied Products	19,700	19,600	20,900	+100	-1,200
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,800	0	-200
Leather & Leather Products	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	5,700	-100	0
Nonmanufacturing	863,400	862,300	853,500	+1,100	+9,900
Mining	3,400	3,500	3,800	-100	-400
Construction	57,000	59,700	56,700	-2,700	+300
Transportation & Public Utilities	70,900	71,700	73,500	-800	-2,600
Railroads	4,500	4,500	5,000	0	-500
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,300	39,000	40,000	-700	-1,700
Communications & Public Utilities	28,100	28,200	28,500	-100	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	260,700	260,700	257,500	0	+3,200
Wholesale Trade	65,000	65,100	65,300	-100	-300
Retail Trade	195,700	195,600	192,200	+100	+3,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	69,800	69,600	66,100	+200	+3,700
Service, Except Domestic	267,800	267,100	258,700	+700	+9,100
Total Government	133,800	130,000	137,300	+3,800	-3,500
Total Federal Government	37,600	37,500	37,900	+100	-300
Total State & Local Government	96,200	92,500	99,400	+3,700	-3,200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	600	1,100	300	-500	+300

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**Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers
in Manufacturing**

Area and State: **St. Louis Metropolitan Area**

Month and Year of Current Data: **October, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	\$448.44	\$466.16	\$452.18	40.4	41.4	40.7	\$11.10	\$11.26	\$11.11
Durable Goods	470.92	493.96	482.47	41.2	42.3	41.7	11.43	11.65	11.57
Lumber & Furniture	343.81	346.18	344.00	38.5	39.7	40.0	8.93	8.72	8.60
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	503.30	426.86	467.25	53.5	38.7	42.4	11.57	11.03	11.02
Primary Metal Industries	420.80	418.82	479.34	40.0	40.9	41.9	10.52	10.24	11.44
Fabricated Metal Products	423.63	435.25	425.57	40.5	41.1	41.6	10.46	10.59	10.23
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	458.94	471.80	473.76	40.4	42.2	42.0	11.36	11.18	11.28
Elect & Electronic Equip.	359.72	377.60	394.22	39.1	40.0	39.7	9.20	9.44	9.93
Transportation Equipment	618.25	656.46	587.55	43.6	46.1	42.7	14.18	14.24	13.76
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	338.58	320.45	314.82	40.5	37.7	39.6	8.36	8.50	7.95
Nondurable Goods	407.67	412.52	395.37	38.9	39.4	38.8	10.48	10.47	10.19
Food & Kindred Products	484.76	496.54	478.06	39.8	40.7	41.0	12.18	12.20	11.66
Textiles & Apparel	201.61	203.32	199.80	31.7	32.9	33.3	6.36	6.18	6.00
Paper & Paper Products	415.11	448.49	394.90	41.1	43.5	41.7	10.10	10.31	9.47
Printing & Publishing	386.58	378.56	370.62	38.2	38.2	36.3	10.12	9.91	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	484.81	497.70	463.79	40.3	41.2	40.4	12.03	12.08	11.48
Petroleum & Coal Products	545.29	555.54	584.98	39.6	39.4	41.4	13.77	14.10	14.13
Leather & Leather Products	231.62	192.44	185.48	37.0	31.6	33.3	6.26	6.09	5.57
Other Nondurable Goods	319.80	317.75	319.16	41.0	41.7	40.4	7.80	7.62	7.90

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

October, 1986

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 500 from September to reach 121,700 in October. The number of unemployed persons, estimated at 5,700, increased 600 from September. The rate of unemployment jumped five-tenths of a percentage point from September to 4.7 percent in October.

During October 1985, there were 5,200 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 4.5 percent of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Total payrolled employment, estimated at 103,300 for October, shows no change from the previous month. A gain of 700 nonmanufacturing jobs was off-set by a corresponding drop in manufacturing jobs.

Approximately 300 of the decrease in manufacturing

employment occurred in the durable goods manufacturing segment, while nondurable goods industries accounted for a loss of 400. Most of the reduction in nondurable jobs was fostered by the food processing industries, which show an employment decrease of 300 during the 30 day period.

Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since September include: construction, down 100; transportation and utilities, up 100; trade, up 200; finance, real estate, and insurance, down 100; services, up 200; and government, up 400. The jump in government occurred in the state and local portion as schools got into full swing.

Since October 1985, payrolled jobs rose by 2,400. This is the net result of 600 reduction in manufacturing employment and an increase of 2,800 jobs in the nonmanufacturing segment.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri

Month and Year of Current: October, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestic)	103,300	103,300	101,100	0	2,200
Manufacturing	18,600	19,300	19,200	-700	-600
Durable Goods	10,200	10,500	10,200	-300	0
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,100	9,400	9,200	-300	-100
Nondurable Goods	8,400	8,800	9,100	-400	-700
Food Processing	3,700	4,000	3,800	-300	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,100	3,200	3,700	-100	-600
Nonmanufacturing	84,700	84,000	81,900	+700	+2,800
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,500	4,600	4,700	-100	-200
Transportation & Utilities	6,200	6,100	6,200	+100	0
Trade	28,700	28,100	+200	+800	
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,600	4,700	4,600	-100	0
Services	26,500	26,300	25,100	+200	+1,400
Government	13,900	13,500	13,100	+400	+800
Federal	1,700	1,800	1,700	-100	0
State and Local	12,200	11,700	11,400	+500	+800
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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and related workers tumbled from \$9.03 in September to \$8.76 in October. While average hourly earnings in the durable goods manufacturing group were off some during the month, the majority of the drop occurred in the food processing industry reflecting a reduction in the number of higher than average paying jobs. Average weekly hours worked slipped from 43.1 in September to 41.1 in October.

During October 1985, the average hourly earnings came to \$9.13 and the average factory workweek was calculated at 38.3 hours.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payroll employment is expected to show very little change during November. Slight reductions in construction and manufacturing will be off-set by seasonal hiring by retail trades in response to the Christmas rush.

The uptrend in the rate of unemployment will continue into the early months of 1987. An increase of one or two-tenths of a percentage point in November seems likely. A more substantial rise can be expected in January following the holiday season.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri

Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1986

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	\$360.04	\$389.19	\$349.68	41.1	43.1	38.3	\$8.76	\$9.03	\$9.13
Durable Goods	357.40	389.08	327.46	42.7	46.1	38.3	8.37	8.44	8.55
Nondurable Goods	363.61	389.86	382.23	38.6	38.6	38.3	9.42	10.10	9.98
Food & Kindred Products	440.37	508.05	442.24	42.1	45.0	41.8	10.46	11.29	10.58
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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